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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I know it may have been a frustrating time for many, as Honolulu drivers patiently worked their way around the ongoing construction at the Punahou Off-Ramp. But now five months after the start of the project, I am pleased to report that the widening project is more than 75 percent complete. With the paving complete, the contractor is well on track for meeting the project's December 2001 completion date.

At the Kapiolani Interchange Seismic Retrofit project, major work on the outriggers was completed last month. Minor cleanup and restoration work are expected to be completed by early September. No further lane closures are expected for this project in September.

Finally, along Kalaniana'ole Highway, work on the 16-inch water main is moving steadily along and is about 25 percent completed (See page 2). Water line work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Nearby, work on the Waialae Bike Lane should commence soon. Sidewalk improvements and wheelchair accessibility reconstruction is scheduled to begin September 17, requiring possible lane closures. Some survey work may be performed prior to this date. Ultimately, the project will provide safe and exclusive lanes for bike enthusiasts that will stretch from Kealaolu Avenue to Kalaniana'ole Highway and 17th Avenue to 21st Avenue.

If it's been a long, hot summer, Oahu motorists have by and large kept their cool as they proceeded through the various construction areas and detours over the last several months. For that the HDOT, and I know the folks at the HPD, are appreciative and grateful. We will continue to do our part in facilitating all construction under the H-1 Corridor umbrella as safely and quickly as possible and provide timely information to the public. In addition, we will continue to encourage drivers to plan ahead, drive carefully around all construction sites, and extend their consideration and the spirit of aloha to all who use and work along our roadways.

Sincerely,

Brian Minaai  
Director of Transportation

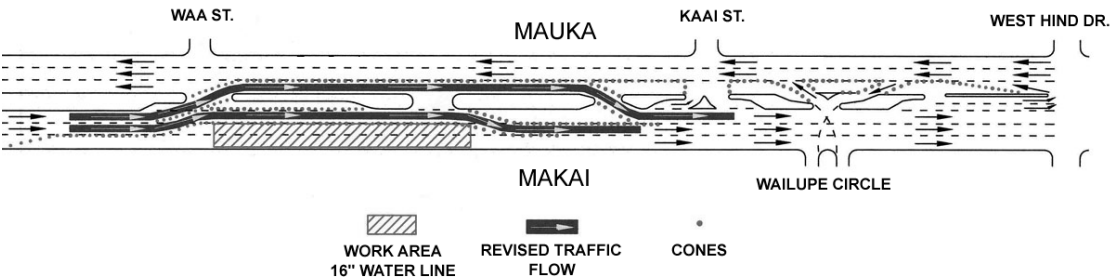


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# KALANIANA'OLE HIGHWAY WATER LINE WORK PROGRESSES EASTWARD



Kalaniana'ole Highway Traffic Control Plan For The 16" Water Line

With more than 25 percent of the work done, the contractor working on the water lines on Kalaniana'ole Highway is looking to complete the project by the end of December.

That optimistic outlook is due primarily because the contractor was able to resolve a potentially problematic part of the water line project — running the pipeline under existing underground utilities. As the work progresses, the contraflow lane will soon shift to between Waa and Kaai Streets (See contraflow plan, above) and remain in effect on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Traffic impact in September is expected to be similar to previous months (a 4- to 8-minute drive time through the area), even with the start of the school year.

## WEEKEND RAMP CLOSURE PROVES EFFICIENT

From August 25 to 27, the Punahou Street off-ramp was closed to complete the majority of the road foundation, paving and barrier work. As a result, four lanes are now visible.

All four lanes will not be opened until new traffic signals are put in place, to ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing the two right-turn lanes. Installation is expected to be completed by the end of September. Other remaining work includes the installation of fencing and traffic signals, and the reconstruction of a parking lot on the Shriners Hospital property. Except for a few coats of paint, the new cooling tower for Shriners is complete and in operation.



## SEPTEMBER CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

DAYS / HOURS	LOCATION	PROJECT	TRAFFIC IMPACT
<b>Sunday-Thursday</b> 9 p.m.-5 a.m.	H-1, between Punchbowl St. and Kapiolani interchange	Highway lighting upgrade Drain cleaning Misc. quiet work	Single freeway lane closures
<b>Monday-Friday</b> 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Punahou St. off-ramp	Punahou off-ramp widening	Lane closures
	Piikoi St. on-ramp	Punahou off-ramp widening	Ramp closure
<b>Monday-Friday</b> 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Kalaniana'ole Hwy., between Waa and Kaai Streets	Water line work	Contraflow
<b>Monday-Friday</b> 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	H-1, between Punahou St. and Kapiolani Interchange	Highway lighting upgrade Guardrail upgrade	Single freeway lane closures
	H-1, eastbound University Ave. on-ramp and Kapiolani Blvd. on- and off-ramps	Guardrail upgrade	Ramp/lane closures
	Various intersections on frontage roads along the H-1	Traffic signal upgrades ADA ramp work	Lane closures
	H-1, Kealaolu Avenue to Kalaniana'ole Highway (Starting Sept. 17)	Bicycle lane improvements	Possible lane closures